

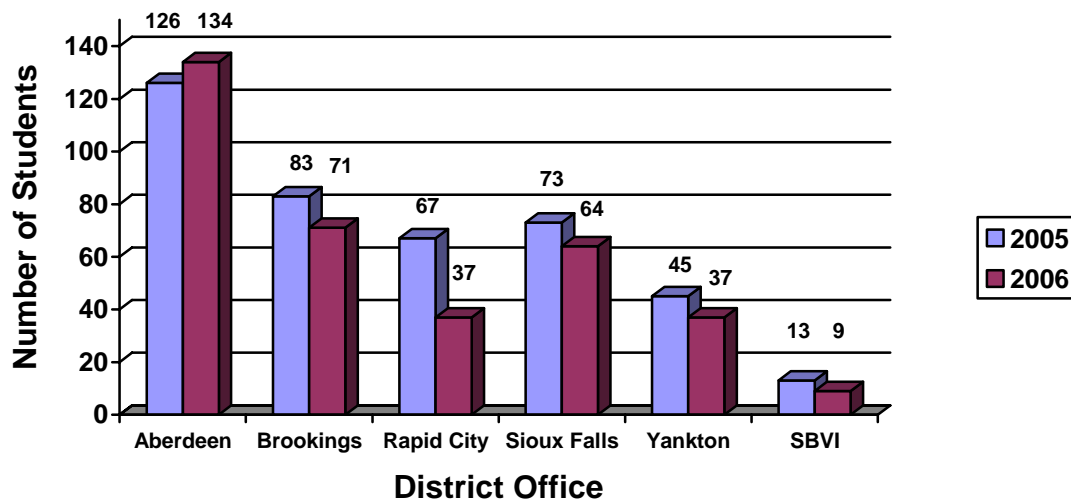
PROJECT

SKILLS

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Many students with significant disabilities don't get an opportunity to gain paid employment experience while in high school. Although willing, most employers cannot afford the supports these students frequently require on their first job. This is an important learning, maturing, and socializing experience. The State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Agencies, Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) and Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI), fund a program entitled ***“Project Skills”*** to address this need. Project Skills is a cooperative arrangement between the State VR Agencies and the local school systems. The State VR Agencies fund the wages, workers compensation, and FICA while the schools provide the job development, job coaching, and follow-along for the student at the job site.

Participants by VR Office



Program Demographics	
Total Number of Participants	352
Percent of Participants with Severe Disabilities	97%
Total Wages & Benefits Paid	\$298,967
Number of Contract Agencies	56
Number of Schools Participating in Program	176

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Primary Impairment of Participants	Count
Cognitive Impairments (impairment involve learn, think, process info and concentrate)	266
Other Mental Impairments	29
Psychosocial Impairments (interpersonal and behavioral impairments, difficulty coping)	24
Blindness	7
Both mobility and Manipulation/Dexterity Orthopedic/Neurological Impairments	6
Manipulation /Dexterity Orthopedic/ Neurological Impairments	4
Other Physical Impairments (not listed above)	4
Mobility Orthopedic/Neurological Impairments	3
Other Orthopedic Impairments (e.g. limited range of motion)	3
Other Visual Impairments	2
Deafness, Primary Communication Visual	2
General Physical Debilitation (fatigue, weakness)	1
Communicative Impairments (expressive/receptive)	1

Cause of Disability	Count
Mental Retardation	140
Specific Learning Disabilities	107
Autism	28
Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	20
Congenital Condition or Birth Injury	20
Cerebral Palsy	11
Depressive and other Mood Disorders	7
Mental Illness (not listed elsewhere)	4
Physical Disorders/ Conditions (not listed elsewhere)	3
Cancer	1
Cardiac and other Conditions of the Circulatory Sys.	1
Cause unknown	1
Anxiety Disorders	1
Epilepsy	1
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	1
Muscular Dystrophy	1
Parkinson's Disease and Other Neurological D/O	1
Personality Disorders	1
Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)	1
End-Stage Renal Disease and other Genitourinary	1
Stroke	1

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Vendor Name	# of Participants	Wages & Benefits Paid
Aberdeen Central High School	34	\$28,982.42
Ability Building Services, Inc	9	\$7,237.71
Akron-Westfield High School	1	\$741.73
Bison School District	1	\$119.91
Black Hills Special Service Coop	37	\$25,217.82
Brookings School District 5-1	11	\$8,988.06
Career Connections	11	\$9,901.48
Chamberlain School District	3	\$3,764.57
Chester Area School District 39-1	1	\$986.71
Cheyenne Eagle Butte High School	3	\$2,081.88
Cornerstones Career Learning Center	14	\$19,696.41
Dakota Valley School District 61-8	5	\$3,115.24
Doland School District	1	\$179.55
East Dakota Educational Coop	31	\$14,910.32
Employment Connections	27	\$21,995.30
Eureka Public School District 44-1	1	\$1,177.63
Faulkton Area School 24-3	1	\$298.67
Frederick Area School District	1	\$383.73
Gettysburg High School	1	\$891.92
Groton School District	2	\$2,656.42
Hot Springs School District	2	\$2,176.68
Hyde School	2	\$1,364.14
Lake Region Vocational School	9	\$9,597.58
Lemmon School District	1	\$1,238.50
Lower Brule High School	3	\$1,265.92
Madison Area Career Learning	13	\$10,544.01
Mid-Central Cooperative	9	\$7,565.02
Milbank School District	1	\$94.22
Mobridge School District	3	\$1,653.65
New Underwood School	2	\$1,428.68
Northeast Educational Services Coop	31	\$23,602.11
Northwest Area Schools Ed Coop	2	\$500.20
Oahe Special Education Coop.	1	\$656.65
Parkston High School	6	\$5,390.23
Pierre School District 32-2	13	\$10,807.21
Redfield High School	4	\$679.61
SD School f/t Blind and Visually Impaired	4	\$4,376.17
Sioux Falls School Dist #49-5	26	\$23,186.73
South Central Cooperative	15	\$9,293.65
Southeast Area Cooperative	6	\$5,218.09
St. Francis Indian School	2	\$827.39

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Sully Buttes School District	1	\$1,328.38
Three Rivers Special Services	16	\$14,468.19
Tiospa Zina Tribal School	5	\$2,499.23
Warner High School	2	\$1,054.09
Watertown School District	1	\$1,424.85
Waubay School District 18-3	3	\$388.28
Wessington Springs School District 36-2	1	\$456.80
Woonsocket School District	2	\$1,476.62
Yankton School District 63-3	2	\$1,076.92